

**Main points arising: Operations Manager's report for November 2013/
Winter gritting/ Civic Hall – Library project/ Former bus shelter on
London Road North/ Civic Hall Information Centre contract**

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY
16TH DECEMBER 2013 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr A Smith

Cllrs M Beanland (substituting for Cllr G King under SO 54), Ms R Horsman,
Mrs S Horsman, Mrs J Sewart, M C G Sewart, G Smith, and Cllr West

Also attending under SO 56: Cllrs P Hoyland B Lewis, H Murray, Mrs J
Saunders

42. Apologies for absence

Received from Cllrs G Bartos, I Hollingworth, G King and Mrs I Thornton-
Maddocks

43. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

Cllr Beanland brought Members' attention to the item concerning the Civic
Hall Information Centre contract, on which he has already declared a
Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in his Notification of Members' Interests
completed in November 2012. Cllr Beanland left the Chamber when this item
was taken.

44. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2013

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and
Economic Development Committee meeting held on 4th November 2013
are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (NC)**

45. Operations and Events Manager's Report

The Operations and Events Manager presented his written report for
November 2013.

London Road North, South and Chester Road

RESOLVED: That the signs, posts and restriction times for the parking bays are approved (NC)

London Road North Bus Shelter

Cllr Murray informed Members that the installation date for the bus shelter is scheduled for today, so this work should have begun.

Litter Bins

Following residents' requests the Town Council will be installing three new litter bins, mainly for the collection of dog waste. This is a particular issue on Glastonbury Drive and on Lostock Hall Road. The bin on Lostock Hall Road will be on private property so the Operations Manager is in discussion with the resident to gain approval to install the bin. Stickers on the litter bins will make it clear that they can receive dog waste also

Cllr Mrs S Horsman raised the issue of the poor condition of the access from Park Lane to Brecon Park. The Operations Manager confirmed that he is aware and investigating this problem and will provide an update at the next FIED meeting.

Community Comfort Scheme

Cllr G Smith asked if local residents are aware of the comfort facilities that are being provided free of charge by the Co-Op's Independent Living store and the Farmer's Arms. The Clerk confirmed that these facilities will be publicised. Cllr Mrs Sewart asked if the organisations had been thanked for providing their services to the local public. The Clerk confirmed that they have been thanked individually but this will also be included in the PUN.

Cllr Mrs S Horsman reported a branch that had fallen across a culvert near the Long Row cottages. The Operations Manager will investigate.

Graffiti

Cllr Murray asked if there was a particular pattern or an increase in the amount of graffiti. The Operations Manager has spoken with the PCSOs and they do not consider it to be a particular issue. All the graffiti has been removed except for that at Brecon Park which is due to be dealt with soon. Cllr Murray reported graffiti opposite the Boar's Head on Middlewood Way too.

Cllr Beanland reported on the Chester Road bus shelter that had displayed two pieces of artwork from the High School. This had been stolen and the wooden frame left empty. Cllr Beanland requested the frame be removed since it looks derelict and untidy.

RESOLVED: That the Operations and Events Manager's Report for November 2013 is received (NC)

46. Operational issues affecting Poynton

The Clerk reported that there have been no updates on the original list of current operational issues affecting Poynton sent to the CE Leader Cllr M Jones for resolution by e-mail on 27th November 2013.

RESOLVED: That the list of current operational issues affecting Poynton sent for resolution to the CE Leader Cllr M Jones by e-mail on 27th November is noted (NC)

47. Winter Gritting

Members considered and noted the new CE charges for 2013/14 to the grit Anson and Waterloo Roads, and an exchange of e-mails with CE on this issue.

The Clerk explained that the Town Council requested CE specifically to grit Anson and Waterloo Roads because they were not on their gritting schedule. CE had quoted charges for 2012/13, and the charges for the winter of 2013/14 have increased. Whereas before CE took into account the differing lengths of the two roads and charged accordingly, this time CE state that both of these roads fall within the same band (3,500 to 6,000 sq mts). This means that the Town Council has to pay the same for both roads.

Cllr Murray explained the background and that responsibility for gritting these roads was previously with CE. This was because the tip could not otherwise be accessed by the bin trucks and at the time Waterloo Road carried a bus route. Cllr Murray said that these are primary routes.

Cllr Mrs Sewart said that in the past CE would only pay for the gritting if the Town Council paid something towards the cost too. Cllr Mrs Sewart also asked if Vernon Road is still on the gritting schedule.

Cllr G Smith noted the wide variation in the band and suggested that CE should aggregate the two lengths and provide one charge for the gritting accordingly.

Cllr Lewis noted that Waterloo Road is no longer a bus route.

Cllr West added that there should be clear criteria on which the judgement to grit a road is made and action should be taken to find out the criteria.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Council contact CE to ask for the criteria for gritting roads and to justify the proposed charges. In the interim CE should continue to grit Anson and Waterloo Roads.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council contact CE to request the criteria for gritting roads and to justify the proposed charges; that in the interim CE continue to grit Anson and Waterloo Roads (NC)

48. Civic Hall/Library Project

Cllr A Smith provided a verbal update on the Civic Hall/Library Project. He reported that the CE Project Group had met this afternoon. This included representatives of CE, the library and the architects and in future will include representatives from the contractors too. Cllr A Smith commented on the professionalism and the skills of the team involved. He reported that there will be fixed monthly meetings and there will be minutes which he would be happy to share. Cllr A Smith said it was reassuring and encouraging to know that there is already a risk analysis and a proper critical path. Importantly, there is full agreement from all parties that the project is achievable in terms of time, quality and budget.

Cllr Smith added that the planning process has started and a planning application submitted. The consultation deadline for this is 23rd January 2014. Between now and the next meeting various surveys will take place. The Clerk has been tasked with communicating on this issue with neighbouring organisations.

Cllr Smith explained that there will also be a communication process with stakeholders and with anyone who has an interest in the project, such as our residents. Ideally this will start after the planning has been approved.

Cllr A Smith confirmed that as agreed previously he will provide a written report to the Town Council. The next CE Project Board meeting is on 20th January 2014. Cllr A Smith will report on this to FIED and also to the Poynton Town Council Steering Group which will meet on the 27th January 2014 at 7.15pm. All Town Councillors are invited to that meeting.

Cllr Lewis noted that he had asked Cllr A Smith and the Clerk to notify him of all meetings and reported that he had not been so informed. Cllr A Smith explained that he had understood the request was for the Steering Group meetings, which have not yet been held. Cllr Lewis clarified that he had asked for notification of all meetings. Cllr A Smith agreed to keep Cllr Lewis informed.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update on the Civic Hall/Library Project provided by Cllr A Smith is received (NC)

49. Former brick bus shelter on London Road South

The Clerk provided a written report to help review the situation regarding the former brick bus shelter on London Road South, demolished by a vehicle in August 2011.

Cllr Lewis asked what steps have been taken to recover the cost from the driver's insurance to reinstate the bus shelter. The Clerk explained that when the claim was submitted the reference of the police report was quoted and the onus was therefore on the insurance company Zurich to chase the driver's insurers.

Cllr Mrs Sewart noted that there was an agreement at a previous PB&H (now FIED) meeting to replace the bus shelter. The location to place the bus shelter was not agreed. Cllr Mrs Sewart said it appeared that the Town Council are losing out by not gaining an estimate and submitting it to the car driver's insurance, as in any road traffic accident.

Following further discussion Cllr Mrs Sewart proposed that as agreed previously another bus shelter is erected in a suitable position that is agreed by the Chairman of FIED and the Operations Manager. The Town Council should also instruct Zurich to pursue the driver's insurance.

RESOLVED: That a bus shelter is erected in a suitable position, agreed by the Chairman of FIED and the Operations Manager; and that the Town Council instruct Zurich to pursue the claim further (NC)

Cllr Beanland requested that the situation regarding a demolished bus shelter on Chester Road is also investigated.

50. Civic Hall Information Centre contract

RESOLVED: That the action taken under SO 51 regarding a two year extension to the Civic Hall Information Centre contract with CE, taking it to 31st January 2016, is noted (NC)

The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm